Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-27 and 29-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0139178 of *Mendez et al.* ("*Mendez*") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161867 of *Cochran et al.* ("*Cochran*").

Claims 28 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* and U.S. Patent Number 6,067,558 of *Wendt et al.* ("*Wendt*").

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* because *Mendez* and *Cochran* do not disclose or suggest a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claim 21. Instead, *Mendez* discloses a terminal 105, i.e. a node, that configures itself (*Mendez*, paragraph 50) and *Cochran* discloses a device configuration assembly 12 that enables a user to generate a set of network addressing parameters for a set of computing devices 26-42 (*Cochran*, Figure 1 and paragraphs 31 and 34) without communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claim 21.

The examiner has stated that paragraphs 42-43 of *Cochran* teach a web browser that enables a user to generate network configuration parameters under control of a configuration server. (Page 2, 2nd paragraph, Office Action, 1-10-07). It is respectfully submitted, however, that paragraphs 42-43 of *Cochran* disclose a user interface that enables a user to configure the computing devices 26-42 in a self-contained manner rather than by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claim 21. This follows from the fact that *Cochran* does not disclose a configuration server as claimed in claim 21. For example, *Cochran* discloses a device configuration assembly 12 (software) that runs on a computing device 14 to identify and configure devices (*Cochran*, paragraph 42, lines 1-5)

and that the device configuration assembly 12 puts up a user interface itself (*Cochran*, paragraph 42, lines 5-11) rather than communicate with a configuration server as claimed in claim 21.

It is further submitted that *Mendez* does not teach or suggest a combination with *Cochran* and *Cochran* does not teach or suggest a combination with *Mendez*. It would be impermissible hindsight based on an applicant's own disclosure to incorporate the system for information access taught by *Mendez* into the device configuration system of *Cochran*. Moreover, any such combination would still lack a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claim 21.

Given that claims 22-28 depend from claim 21, it is submitted that claims 22-28 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*.

It is also submitted that claim 29 is not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*. Claim 29 is a method for configuring a network device that includes limitations similar to the limitations of claim 21. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to claim 21 and *Mendez* and *Cochran* also apply to claim 29.

Given that claims 30-36 depend from claim 29, it is submitted that claims 30-36 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*.

It is further submitted that claims 28 and 36 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* and *Wendt* because claims 28 and 36 depend from claims 21 and 29, respectively, and because *Mendez* and *Cochran* and *Wendt* do not disclose or suggest a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claims 21 and 29. Applicant has shown that *Mendez* and *Cochran* do not disclose or suggest the limitations of claims 21 and 29. *Wendt* discloses a top-level UI server 12 that searches for

peripherals (*Wendt*, col. 3, lines 31-38) rather than a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in claims 21 and 29.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 4-10-07 By: _____

Paul H. Horstmann
Reg. No.: 36,167